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1. Rakosi is not likely to be removed from his position as head of the political life in Hungary as there is no cogent reason for such a measure which would possibly result in severe consequences and against Moscow's interests.
2. There are no personalities to replace Rakosi, as Geroc, for all his talents and diligence, is a robot rather than an ingenious worker and can act efficiently only when second in rank, being incapable when holding the high position.
3. Reval appears to be more suitable but does not have the same imperturbable confidence in the Communist cause as have Rakosi and Geroc.
4. Rakosi himself is fully aware that there would be no advantage in exchanging his position in Hungary for a larger field of activities covering several countries as he would only lose his ground in the organization of Hungary and the Hungarian group of Communist leaders.
5. He will probably hold his position as long as his state of health permits and can be removed only as a result of radical changes in Moscow which are not likely to occur.

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